INDIANA IS SPLENDID

IN ITS DIVERSITY.

FROM SAND DUNES

AND BEACHES IN THE

NORTH TO ROLLING

HILLS AND THE OHIO

RIVER IN THE

SOUTH, OUR STATE

IS TRULY A BEAUTI-

FUL PLACE TO CALL

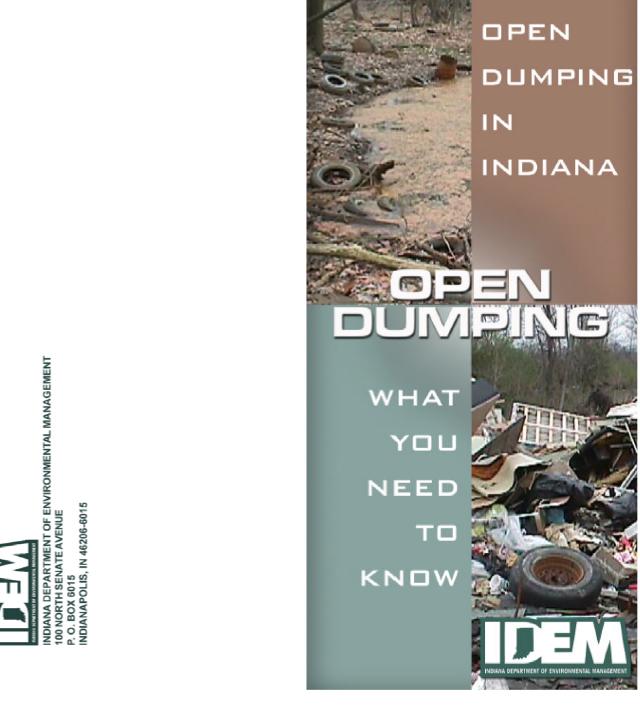
HOME. FIND OUT

WHAT YOU CAN DO

TO KEEP IT THAT

WAY.

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## THE PROBLEM - OPEN DUMPING

OPEN DUMPING, THE ILLEGAL ACT OF THROWING TRASH AND WASTES IN PLACES OTHER THAN LANDFILLS OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES, IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN. IT THREATENS BOTH OUR LANDSCAPE AND OUR HEALTH. THE DUMPING OF OLD APPLIANCES, FURNITURE AND CONSTRUCTION WASTE CAN BLIGHT OUR BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS. AND THROWING OUT TRASH, TIRES AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CAN SPREAD DISEASE, CONTAMINATE SURFACE WATER AND LEAD TO RODENT CONTROL PROBLEMS.

QUITE SIMPLY, THE RISKS ARE TOO GREAT.

THAT'S WHY IDEM IS WORKING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CURB OPEN DUMPING. BUT... WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

## THE SOLUTION - YOU

WHAT CAN YOU DO? ONE WORD:
EDUCATION, KNOWING WHAT YOU CAN
OR CAN'T DUMP OR BURY CAN PLAY A
BIG ROLE IN HELPING KEEP INDIANA'S
ENVIRONMENT SAFE.

## WHAT'S ALLOWED?

- Uncontaminated rocks, Bricks, Concrete, Road Demolition
   Waste Materials or Dirt.
- UNCONTAMINATED AND UNTREATED
  NATURAL GROWTH SOLID WASTE
  INCLUDING TREE LIMBS, STUMPS,
  LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS.
- SAWDUST THAT IS DERIVED FROM PROCESSING UNTREATED, NATURAL WOOD.

#### WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED?

- X HOUSEHOLD BUILDING DEBRIS
- X CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE
- X HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- X APPLIANCES
- X FURNITURE
- X TIRES
- X PLASTIC
- X CARDBOARD
- X HAZARDOUS WASTE

# WHO PAYS? - HEALTH, BEAUTY AND MONEY

SEPARATE FROM HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, THE MONETARY
IMPACTS CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL. VIOLATORS OF INDIANA'S OPEN DUMPING LAW
CAN FACE A FINE OF UP TO \$25,000 A
DAY FOR EACH VIOLATION, A SUM THAT
DOESN'T INCLUDE FINES OR PENALTIES
THAT LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS
AND LOCAL PROSECUTORS CAN IMPOSE.
THE BOTTOM LINE: IT PAYS NOT TO
VIOLATE THE LAW.

INDIANA ENVIRONMENTAL RULES STATE:
"No person shall cause or allow
the storage, containment, processing, or disposal of solid
waste in a manner which creates a
threat to human health or the
environment, including the creating of a fire hazard, vector attraction, air or water pollution, or
other contamination."

## WHAT YOU CAN DO - RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

REGULATED SOLID WASTE MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A STATE PERMITTED FACILITY. THESE INCLUDE LANDFILLS, TRANSFER STATIONS, INCINERATORS OR RECYCLING FACILITIES. PRIVATE OR MUNICIPAL WASTE HAULING BUSINESSES SERVE MOST COMMUNITIES IN INDIANA.

CITIZENS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR
LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO
DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTES SUCH AS PAINT, CLEANERS,
TIRES AND OLD APPLIANCES.

IDEM ALSO STRONGLY ENCOURAGES
HOOSIERS TO RECYCLE EVERYTHING
THEY CAN. INSTEAD OF BURNING,
BURYING OR DUMPING, TRY REDUCING,
RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING.

### TRY:

- BUYING IN BULK TO REDUCE PACK AGING WASTE;
- HAULING GLASS, ALUMINUM AND PLASTICS CONTAINERS, NEWSPAPER AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD TO THE RECYCLING CENTER INSTEAD OF THE DUMP AND
- TURNING YOUR LEAVES, GRASS, WEEDS, KITCHEN SCRAPS AND BRUSH INTO COMPOST.

TO REPORT AN ILLEGAL DUMP: CONTACT IDEM BY PHONE AT (800) 451-6027 OR (317) 308-3040 OR BY MAIL AT 100 NORTH SENATE AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206-6015.

CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES!
INFORMATION ON OPEN DUMPING AND
OTHER LAND-USE ISSUES:
WWW.IN.GOV/IDEM/LAND

INFORMATION ON HOW TO REDUCE
YOUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT:
WWW.IN.GOV/IDEM/OPPTA